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Reading Railroad

In Pennsylvania's heart, it roamed so free,

Steel tracks laid down through hill and tree,

From anthracite, its power unfurled,

The Reading Railroad shaped the world.

Its engines roared, black smoke would rise,

A lifeline 'neath the city skies,

Through valleys deep and mountains grand,

It carved a path across the land.

Coal it carried, wealth it brought,

With every train, progress was sought,

But time moved on, the world did change,

Industries rose, then rearranged.

The rails now silent, echoes fade,

A chapter closed, a legacy made,

Yet still remembered, through history's door,

The Reading Railroad evermore